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## **Media Advisory**

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### **MLK RECLAIM THE DREAM INITIATIVE IS MOVING FORWARD TO BUILDING A BETTER AND STRONGER COMMUNITY**

*-The MLK Reclaim the Dream Initiative is in its fourth year-*

**(Miami, Florida)**—As part of the MLK Reclaim the Dream vision to improve streets, business façade and affordable housing, **City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson** and community residents will announce the progress on the MLK Boulevard Roadway and Commercial Façade Beautification Projects during a press conference on **Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.** at **Steel Laborers Union International Local 1652**, located at **799 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Street**. A Model City home tour will follow the conference.

City of Miami Capital Improvement and Transportation is overseeing the MLK Boulevard roadway improvement project. Construction will be from NW 5th Avenue (I-95) to NW 12th Avenue along NW 62nd Street. The scope of work includes milling and resurfacing, curb and gutter replacement, sidewalk repairs, limited landscaping, pavement markings, ADA ramps, linear parks reconstruction/restoration from 1-95 to NW 12 Avenue, and decorative lighting. The estimated construction completion for the City portion is July 2006 (weather permitting). The construction cost is \$2,034,999 for the City portion.

The commercial façade project aims to help minority-owned, small business located in District 5 and near the historic MLK Boulevard by funding for façade improvements, including painting interiors, installing signs and awnings. The project is funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars via the Department of Community Development, and the Mayor's Prosperity Initiative Funds.

Following the press conference, the media is invited to a tour of a recently completed affordable home in Model City. A new homeowner who is in the process of closing on the home will receive the keys during a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new home marks one of ten single-family homes being developed in the area by Palmetto Homes of Miami, Inc. The City of Miami's Department of Community Development is providing \$78,252.00 in HOME funding.

**WHO:** City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson and community residents

**WHAT:** MLK Reclaim the Dream Project Update and Model Home Tour

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 16, 2006, 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Steel Laborers Union International Local 1652  
799 NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Street  
(East Side of Parking Lot)

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